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In re Application of:	)	
Hiroshi SAITO	)	Confirmation No.: 1751
Application No.: 09/944,101	)	Group Art Unit: 2655
Filed: September 4, 2001	)	Examiner: Jakieda R. Jackson
For: SPEECH RECOGNITION UNIT	)	
HAVING HIERARCHICAL	)	
DICTIONARIES AND METHOD	)	
THEREOF (As Amended)	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop RCE**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Concurrently filed herein with a Request for Continued Examination and prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This filing is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 6, 2006. The period for response extends through May 8, 2006 (next-business-day rule) by the concurrently filed petition for a one-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment.